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Board of Health Minutes 06-27-2000

Tuesday, June 27, 2000

3:30 p.m., Fox Community Center

Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Carole Allen (Chair), Mr. Gregory Leonardos, Mr. Mark Fingerle
Staff in Attendance: Patsy Kraemer (Director of Human Services), Marie Walsh (Director of Public Health)
Others in Attendance: Dr. Maureen Gormley (Arlington Chamber of Commerce)

- I. Minutes of May 16, 2000 meeting accepted as written.
- II. Patsy Kraemer presented information on the unmet need for oral health care services in the Town. Presently, only one dentist in Arlington accepts Medicaid; therefore it is a concern that Medicaid patients do not have proper access to oral health care. Marie Walsh will contact the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Office of Oral Health and request the latest statewide Oral Health Report. Ms. Walsh will distribute the report to all Board Members for discussion at the next meeting.
- III. Ms. Walsh reported on a display at the Robbins Library produced by Health Compliance Officer Terri Susi RN. The display offers information regarding childhood vaccinations and importance in public health.
- IV. Ms. Walsh distributed an update from the Tobacco Control Program: the June hypnotherapy smoking cessation program was attended by 26 people, Health Compliance Officer Joe Genova is working with Winchester Hospital to develop tobacco treatment programs for next year that incorporate nicotine replacement therapy. Three contractors were hired to work at the high school next year to enforce the no smoking policy – one Tobacco Control Coordinator (12 hours/week) and two Tobacco Monitors (10 hours/week).
- V. Ms. Walsh reported that the summer hours for Town Offices are now in effect: 8am to 4pm through Labor Day.
- VI. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2000 at 3:30 pm.